

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

LOCAL 705 INTERNATIONAL BROTHER-)	
HOOD OF TEAMSTERS HEALTH AND)	
WELFARE FUND and JOSEPH BAKES,)	
STEPHEN F.G. BRIDGE, JUAN CAMPOS,)	CIVIL ACTION
GREGORY R. FOSTER, WILLIAM KEENAN,)	
JOHN NAUGHTON, STEPHEN E.)	NO.
POCZTOWSKI, and PHILLIP D. STANOCH,)	
as Trustees,)	JUDGE
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Plaintiffs,)	
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vs.)	
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VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

C O M P L A I N T

The Plaintiffs, LOCAL 705 INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELFARE FUND, and JOSEPH BAKES, STEPHEN F.G. BRIDGE, JUAN CAMPOS, GREGORY R. FOSTER, WILLIAM KEENAN, JOHN NAUGHTON, STEPHEN E. POCZTOWSKI, and PHILLIP D. STANOCH, as Trustees, by their attorneys, complaining of the Defendant, VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD, allege as follows:

1. This action arises under the laws of the United States and is brought pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §§1132, 1145 (hereinafter referred to as "ERISA"). Jurisdiction is based upon the existence of questions arising thereunder, as hereinafter more fully appears.

2. Plaintiffs bring this action in their capacity as Trustees of LOCAL 705 INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELFARE FUND, which is an "employee welfare benefit fund," and "plan," within the meaning of ERISA, the individual Plaintiffs being the now-acting fiduciaries thereof, administering said Plan within this District.

3. Defendant is an "Employer" within the meaning of ERISA, which is obligated to make fringe benefit contributions to Plaintiff, LOCAL 705 INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELFARE FUND, under the terms of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust pursuant to which Plaintiff Fund is maintained and/or pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement between Defendant and Teamsters Local 705.

4. As an Employer obligated to make fringe benefit contributions to Plaintiff Welfare Fund under the Agreement and Declaration of Trust, Defendant is specifically required to do the following:

- (a) To submit to Plaintiffs for each month a report stating the names, current addresses, social security numbers, and total number of days worked in such month by each and every person on whose behalf contributions are required to be made by Defendant to Plaintiffs; or, if no such persons are employed for a given month, to submit a report so stating;
- (b) To accompany the aforesaid reports with payment of contributions in the amount required by the collective bargaining agreement or participation agreement, due at the time fixed by the Trustees;
- (c) To furnish to the Trustees, if requested, a statement showing (1) whether the organization is a corporation and, if so, the names of all of its officers; or (b) if not a corporation, a certificate stating that it is either a partnership or an individual proprietorship and the names of the partners or the name of the individual proprietor.
- (d) To make all of its payroll books and records available to Plaintiffs for the purpose of auditing same, to verify the accuracy of Defendant's past reporting upon request made by Plaintiffs;

- (e) To compensate Plaintiffs for the additional administrative costs and burdens imposed by untimely payment of contributions by payment of liquidated damages in an amount to be fixed by the Trustees for failure to make prompt payment;
- (f) To deposit with the Trustees an advance payment guarantee as a condition of such Employer's participation, to be continuously maintained by such Employer, as a guarantee for the payment of monthly contributions and in an amount to be determined by the Trustees;
- (g) To pay any and all costs incurred by Plaintiffs in auditing Defendant's payroll records, should it be determined that Defendant was delinquent in the reporting or submission of all contributions required of it to be made to Plaintiffs;
- (h) To pay Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees and costs necessarily incurred in any action to require Defendant to submit its payroll books and records for audit or to recover delinquent contributions;
- (i) To pay interest at the rate of eight (8%) percent per annum on the moneys due to the Trustees from the date when the payment was due to the date when the payment is made, together with all expenses of collection incurred by the Trustees, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and such fees for late payment as the Trustees determine and as permitted by law.

5. Defendant is delinquent and has breached its obligations to Plaintiff Welfare

Fund and its obligations under the Plan in the following respect:

Defendant has failed and refused to permit Plaintiffs' auditors to review its payroll records, for the time period January 1, 2004 through the present date, in order to verify the accuracy of its past reporting and to determine what additional contributions, if any, may be due the Plaintiffs.

6. That upon careful review of all records maintained by them, and after application of any and all partial payments made by Defendant, the total amount due is unknown, based upon Defendant's failure to make its payroll records available for review by Plaintiffs' auditors, and subject further to the possibility that additional contributions and liquidated damages will come due during the pendency of this lawsuit.

7. Plaintiffs have requested that Defendant perform its obligations as aforesaid, but Defendant has failed and refused to so perform.

8. Defendant's continuing refusal and failure to perform its obligations to Plaintiffs is causing and will continue to cause irreparable injuries to Plaintiffs for which Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray:

- (A) That an account be taken as to all employees of Defendant covered by the collective bargaining agreement as to wages received and hours worked by such employees to determine amounts required to be paid to the Plaintiffs, covering the period of January 1, 2004 to the present;
- (B) That Defendant be enjoined and ordered to submit all delinquent monthly contribution reports to Plaintiffs stating the information required to be stated thereon, and to continue submitting such reports while this action is pending;
- (C) That Judgment be entered in favor of Plaintiffs and against Defendant for all unpaid contributions, liquidated damages, any costs of auditing Defendant's records, and Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees and Court costs necessarily incurred in this action as specified herein, or as subsequently determined all as provided for in the Trust Agreement and in ERISA;
- (D) That Defendant be permanently enjoined to perform specifically its obligations to Plaintiffs, and in particular, to continue submitting the required reports and contributions due thereon to Plaintiffs in a timely fashion as required by the Trust Agreement and by ERISA;
- (E) That Plaintiffs have such further relief as may be deemed just and equitable by the Court, all at Defendant's cost.

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